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SUBJECT: LABOR EXCHANGE VISIT

REF: HOLMES (LABOR)/CONDONLETTER DATED 17 OCTOBER 1973

1. LABOR MINISTER GORSE CONFIRMED BY LETTER TO AMBASSADOR HIS PLAN TO SEND A THREE-MAN MISSION TO THE US FOR 10-DAY VISIT BEGINNING 13 OR 21 JANUARY 1974 (FUNDED BY GOF).
2. TEAM WILL INCLUDE: FRANCOIS LAGRANGE, DIRECTOR OF CABINET, A POSITION IN LABOR MINISTRY ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO UNDERSECRETARY, YVES DELAMOTTE, CIVIL ADMINISTRATOR, AND DENIS DEBAECQUE, ENGINEER, BOTH COUNSELORS TO THE MINISTER.
3. PURPOSE OF MISSION IS TO STUDY FIRST-HAND DEVELOPMENTS IN (ALL LAB OR-
MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, (B) ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING, INCLUDING RECURRENT EDUCATION AND (C) HUMANIZATION OF WORK CONDITIONS IN INDUSTRY AND SERVICE SECTORS.
4. VISITORS ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN US AND HOPE THAT PROGRAM WILL AFFORD THEM OPPORTUNITY VISIT CALIFORNIA. THEY WISH TRAVEL TOGETHER WITHIN US BUT SEE ADVANTAGES IN SEPARATE PROGRAMS IN EACH CITY, ESPECIALLY FOR UNIVERSITY OR PLANT VISITS.

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5. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH LABATT, FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS

WERE SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE POINTS OF CONTACT: DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND HEW, AFL-CIO, UNIVERSITIES KNOWN ESPECIALLY FOR THEIR RESEARCH AND COURSES ON THREE SUBJECTS ABOVE AND PRIVATE COMPANIES CARRYING OUT EXPERIMENTS IN JOB ENRICHMENT AND WORK REDESIGN.

6. IN ADDITION TO MINISTER'S DESIRE DEVELOP EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH LABOR DEPT, PROPOSED VISIT IS SCHEDULED IN ANTICIPATION OF ENACTMENT OF LAW ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WORK CONDITIONS, DESIGNED TO STIMULATE AND COORDINATE GOV AND PRIVATE RESEARCH PROGRAMS ON BROAD SUBJECT OF QUALITY OF WORKING LIVES.

7. DETAILED BIO DATA ON VISITORS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. ALL THREE ARE WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY FOR THEIR FRIENDLY ATTITUDES TOWARD US AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND INTEREST IN LABOR AND SOCIAL MATTERS. THEY ARE ENGLISH-SPEAKING, HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED AND QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT US SOCIETY AND INSTITUTIONS.

8. ACCORDINGLY, PROGRAM SHOULD PROVIDE EXPOSURE TO AND DISCUSSION OF MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND THINKING IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF INTEREST. IRWIN

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